

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

LAURIE ORTOLANO

VS NO: 22-CV-00326-LM

THE CITY OF NASHUA, Et Al.

DEPOSITION OF LAURIE ORTOLANO

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 14</p> <p>1 A No, actually, I worked a couple years when he 2 was born. When he was an infant, I was still 3 working.</p> <p>4 Q I think I asked you this, but subsequent to 5 DARPA, you haven't had any other private 6 employment?</p> <p>7 A No.</p> <p>8 Q Or public employment?</p> <p>9 A I was an elected official in Litchfield, but 10 that was small pay.</p> <p>11 Q What was your position there in Litchfield?</p> <p>12 A I was elected to the school board and I served 13 about five years, and then I was elected to 14 the budget committee, and I served two to 15 three years.</p> <p>16 Q Other than your litigation with the City of 17 Nashua, have you been in litigation of any 18 type with any other entity?</p> <p>19 A No, I had this one issue with a gym in 2014 20 where they charged my credit card for a 21 membership. They continued to charge my card, 22 and I called the attorney general's office, 23 and they took the case, and that settled out.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 15</p> <p>1 So that was like my one issue, my first time 2 having a litigation. I don't even know if I 3 would call it litigation. It was very 4 short-lived.</p> <p>5 Q Now, you have, obviously in addition to this 6 suit, you had some 91A lawsuits pending 7 against the City now?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q How many are currently pending?</p> <p>10 A I think there are four or five. I just 11 dropped one to essentially -- there are two 12 cases that were very similar. So I am running 13 with a second case. I am going to say four or 14 five.</p> <p>15 Q When was the last time you filed a 16 Right-To-Know suit against the City?</p> <p>17 A Probably three months ago.</p> <p>18 Q And I think I read in one of your affidavits 19 that you may have filed about 16 in total 20 against the City, is that right?</p> <p>21 A That is what the City put up on the graph, 22 yes, about 16 files.</p> <p>23 Q When you say the City put up on the graph, was</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 16</p> <p>1 that a number you agree with, it is about 16?</p> <p>2 A Yes.</p> <p>3 Q When did the City put it up on a graph?</p> <p>4 A At the March 26 meeting, they held a public 5 meeting on outside legal costs, and they did a 6 presentation on how much money I have cost the 7 City.</p> <p>8 Q Was that a board of aldermen meeting?</p> <p>9 A Yes, a special board of aldermen meeting.</p> <p>10 Q When did you move to Nashua?</p> <p>11 A I'm not sure. It would have been -- 12 essentially 2014. Last week of December '13, 13 I think we moved in. So winter of 2014, we 14 were firmly planted.</p> <p>15 Q Were either of your kids still in public 16 school at the time?</p> <p>17 A My oldest was in college, and my youngest was 18 a sophomore -- No, when I moved to Nashua, I 19 would say he was a junior. No, maybe a 20 sophomore, somewhere around there, sophomore 21 in high school. I think he was a freshman 22 actually. I am sorry, I think it was a 23 freshman in high school.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 17</p> <p>1 Q Your youngest son was in high school at the 2 time you moved here?</p> <p>3 A Yes.</p> <p>4 Q That is as specific as I need.</p> <p>5 A Okay.</p> <p>6 Q When you came here, did you join any or seek 7 to join any boards?</p> <p>8 A No.</p> <p>9 Q Have you since in Nashua?</p> <p>10 A Yes.</p> <p>11 Q Have you been on any boards here?</p> <p>12 A No, I didn't get appointed.</p> <p>13 Q Which boards did you seek to get appointments 14 to?</p> <p>15 A The board of assessor's had openings, when it 16 had an opening, two openings, when I started 17 doing assessing work in 2018, so I applied, 18 but I didn't receive a comment or response 19 back. I applied again in 2019, and I think I 20 received a response that I wasn't a candidate 21 they were looking for. 22 And then I applied to the assessing 23 standards board in -- I think that was 2019</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Page 18</p> <p>1 -- maybe 2020, and the board itself has two or 2 three public people, and a gentleman who was 3 on it recommended that I take his seat. So he 4 wrote a referral to the governor, and the 5 governor made the recommendation to the 6 executive council, and I wasn't -- they didn't 7 do a vote because the governor knew before the 8 vote that I wasn't supported on a three-two 9 vote, so I didn't get that seat. And I ran 10 for public works in November of 2021, and I 11 lost that seat. That was an actual election.</p> <p>12 Q The assessing standards board, that was a 13 state board?</p> <p>14 A Yes.</p> <p>15 Q You said you started doing assessing work in 16 2018. 17 When you say you started doing 18 assessing work, what do you mean?</p> <p>19 A The new assessments had come out from KRT, the 20 company hired to do an update in late August, 21 and when I received our new number, I was 22 concerned, and I went to the assessing office 23 and had a conversation, and that started my</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Page 19</p> <p>1 work into trying to get our property 2 assessment corrected.</p> <p>3 Q So that is your first foray into what you call 4 assessing work?</p> <p>5 A I actually did call in 2014 when we moved in, 6 and I saw our assessment jump 5 grand. Our 7 tax bill went up \$5,000. I made my first 8 contact with the tax assessor then. 9 And then I made contact again with 10 the assessing chief in 2017, very concerned 11 when my tax bill cost 18,000, and I thought it 12 was way too high. 13 I had minimal contact at those two 14 points.</p> <p>15 Q I understand you also assist other people with 16 their assessing challenges, should we say?</p> <p>17 A Not really. I would say the year after KRT 18 people did seek me out to help them with 19 their -- it wasn't KRT. It was when Vision 20 came out with the new numbers. They asked me 21 to help them out in 2021. I got calls from 22 neighborhoods, and letters saying, we seek 23 your assistance, come to our street, and so I</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Page 20</p> <p>1 did give assistance, and I published some 2 things on GoodGov, where I told people to look 3 up data. If you are concerned, go look this 4 up.</p> <p>5 I made a series of videos on GoodGov 6 on how to file an abatement, how to do it 7 yourself, and frankly, the City, I don't 8 think, was very happy about it, and I was 9 pretty squashed in the whole thing, so I never 10 did it again. I had people seek me out last 11 year, and I just didn't do it anymore.</p> <p>12 Q When you say you think the City wasn't very 13 happy about it, what specifically made you 14 feel the City wasn't very happy about it?</p> <p>15 A When I tried to assist two senior citizens, 16 and sent the abatements in to be date/time 17 stamped, they sat on them for almost 20 days 18 which is unheard of. That neighborhood had a 19 street of 8 properties to be reevaluated and 20 the City policy, policy practice or guideline 21 was if there is a cluster of houses that are 22 incorrect, they correct those first because 23 they can deal with a pile of them.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Page 21</p> <p>1 There was a cluster of houses in 2 that neighborhood at that time in 2021, they 3 ended up dealing with them last. They went to 4 the bottom of the pile. 5 People who went before the board who 6 carried their own assessments in, asked me for 7 help. There were only two I represented. 8 Everyone else went on their own, said to me 9 when they went before the board of assessor's, 10 they were questioned, oh, did somebody help 11 you, don't even say her name, we know who she 12 is. They seemed to be just not happy with the 13 work of what was submitted.</p> <p>14 Q Sorry. To pin this down a little more, when 15 you say they, who didn't seem happy? 16 Specifically, who are you talking about?</p> <p>17 A Kim Kleiner, I will say Ms. Kleiner. She was 18 running the assessing office at that time, and 19 I don't believe there was a chief at that 20 time.</p> <p>21 Q Was it your impression that Ms. Kleiner had 22 direct contact with these applicants?</p> <p>23 A I think a lot of them screened through the</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 22</p> <p>1 office and in fact --</p> <p>2 Q Is that a no, I am not sure I understand.</p> <p>3 A I am going to say yes, she probably did,</p> <p>4 because the assessing office was closed that</p> <p>5 year for construction, and all the</p> <p>6 applications were going through her office</p> <p>7 because several of the assessing staff members</p> <p>8 moved into her office to do work. There was</p> <p>9 no assessing office open at that time.</p> <p>10 Q So based on -- it is based on the overall</p> <p>11 geography of the department that you believe</p> <p>12 Kim Kleiner was directly involved?</p> <p>13 A Yes, and you know what, I am going to take</p> <p>14 back that an assessor wasn't assigned. That</p> <p>15 month, December, they brought in Rick Vincent</p> <p>16 as a consultant, so he came on board. So Rick</p> <p>17 Vincent was also involved. He was a chief in</p> <p>18 Lebanon, and he retired and came to Nashua.</p> <p>19 Q To give me a time frame again, you said</p> <p>20 December.</p> <p>21 December, what month?</p> <p>22 A 2020.</p> <p>23 Q I want to go back now, because I did take this</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p> <p>1 in sequence and talked a little bit about the</p> <p>2 investigation that was done by the Nashua</p> <p>3 Police Department into the assessing</p> <p>4 department.</p> <p>5 When this, I am going to show you a</p> <p>6 document, and we will mark it as Exhibit 1.</p> <p>7 Mike, for your sake, I am looking at the</p> <p>8 police report of John Lehto, dated June 25th,</p> <p>9 2019.</p> <p>10 (Whereupon, the court reporter</p> <p>11 marked Exhibit Number 1, Police Report</p> <p>12 6-25-2019, for Identification.)</p> <p>13 Q Ms. Ortolano, with respect to this document</p> <p>14 and anything else that I give you, take as</p> <p>15 much as time as you want to look at it, but I</p> <p>16 will have some specific questions that I will</p> <p>17 want to highlight for you.</p> <p>18 A Good. Thank you.</p> <p>19 Q With respect to this first one, my first</p> <p>20 question is fairly simple, this is a report by</p> <p>21 Captain Lehto at the time, and it references a</p> <p>22 meeting with Lieutenant Mederos, and you and</p> <p>23 Laura, and I am going to butcher her name,</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 24</p> <p>1 Colquhoun?</p> <p>2 A Colquhoun, yes.</p> <p>3 Q It indicates they met you on June 25th, 2019.</p> <p>4 Is that about the recollection you</p> <p>5 have of when you guys met?</p> <p>6 A Yes.</p> <p>7 Q In the middle of the first page, it references</p> <p>8 18 different documents that it references.</p> <p>9 These references come from binders, black and</p> <p>10 a blue binder of information you had compiled.</p> <p>11 Where did you compile that</p> <p>12 information?</p> <p>13 A From city hall. Those were city hall records.</p> <p>14 Q And were they records that you got through the</p> <p>15 Right-To-Know requests?</p> <p>16 A Yes.</p> <p>17 Q There is a document 2 here, Attorney Robert</p> <p>18 Fojo's letter to Mayor Donchess, dated 8th of</p> <p>19 May, 2019.</p> <p>20 Was that a letter that he wrote on</p> <p>21 your behalf?</p> <p>22 A Yes.</p> <p>23 Q When did you first hire Attorney Fojo to</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 25</p> <p>1 represent you?</p> <p>2 A It was in 2018, late, maybe November of 2018.</p> <p>3 Q And without going into detail what you said to</p> <p>4 each other, what was the purpose of you hiring</p> <p>5 him?</p> <p>6 A To help me write a Right-To-Know. It was the</p> <p>7 first time I was writing an official</p> <p>8 Right-To-Know, and I couldn't remember how to</p> <p>9 do it properly. So I asked him to help me.</p> <p>10 Q And then there is a second letter reference</p> <p>11 from the same attorney on item 4, his letter</p> <p>12 to Attorney Broth dated 7 June, 2019.</p> <p>13 Do you see that?</p> <p>14 A Yes.</p> <p>15 Q And was he still representing you then in June</p> <p>16 of 2019?</p> <p>17 A Yes.</p> <p>18 Q And for how long did Attorney Fojo to</p> <p>19 represent you?</p> <p>20 A I think until maybe October of 2019.</p> <p>21 Q And was there any particular reason that</p> <p>22 relationship ended?</p> <p>23 A I wasn't getting where I thought I should be</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Page 26</p> <p>1 on my abatement, which was now an appeal. 2 Q I know you also were represented by Rick 3 Lehmann at some point? 4 A Yes. 5 Q Did you go directly from Attorney Fojo to 6 Attorney Lehmann? 7 A More or less. He first assisted Cheryl 8 Walley, a lady in the assessing office on a 9 settlement agreement. He worked with her, and 10 then I would say in January of 2020, he began 11 working on my issues. 12 Q Back in 2019, were you friendly with Cheryl 13 Walley? 14 A Yes. 15 Q And I take it, it was her recommendation that 16 led you to Attorney Lehmann? 17 A No. No. 18 Q How did that come about? 19 A It was an article in The Telegraph about him 20 helping a school board member in Nashua, 21 George Farrington, and so I called him cold. 22 Q And again, without going into details of your 23 conversations with him, what was the topic</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Page 27</p> <p>1 that you were asking Attorney Lehmann to 2 assist you with? 3 A Right-To-Know issues. 4 Q And for approximately how long did Attorney 5 Lehmann represent you? 6 A He was on, let's see -- he was on until I am 7 going to say October of 2021. 8 Q So from approximately January 2020 to 2021, he 9 was engaged with you in some manner? 10 A Yes. 11 Q And when you reached out to him originally 12 after reading the George Farrington article, 13 do you remember when that was? 14 A You know what, it was September of 2019 15 because I reached out to him because of the 16 police coming to my door in 2019 and issuing 17 me a warning. I was scared. 18 Q Let's go to that then. 19 The police came to your door -- 20 A September 22nd of 2019? It was A Sunday 21 afternoon. 22 Q Were you home at the time? 23 A I was at Laura Colquhoun's home. My husband</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Page 28</p> <p>1 was home. 2 Q I take it your husband notified you that they 3 had been there? 4 A Yes. 5 Q And is that when you reached out to Attorney 6 Lehmann then? 7 A Yes. 8 Q Did you reach out to him before you went down 9 to the station? 10 A No. 11 Q How soon after you went to the station did you 12 reach out to Attorney Lehmann? 13 A I am going to say two or three weeks? 14 Q When did you first learn that Detective 15 Lombardi had been assigned to investigate the 16 allegations that you made about the assessing 17 department? 18 A I don't recall, because he wasn't in the 19 interview in June, involved initially, and I 20 wasn't getting reports. So I don't really 21 know when he -- my recollection would be in 22 September when he was there with his other 23 police officer, Heron, Haran (phonetic) or</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Page 29</p> <p>1 whatever his name was. I might have said 2 something to him, but I just don't recall when 3 I knew he was involved. 4 Q Had you had any prior contact with Lombardi 5 before the assessing department case? 6 A Not that I know of. 7 Q Any since that case was over? 8 A No. 9 Q Just to close the loop on that then, other 10 than your interaction with Detective Lombardi 11 with respect to the assessing department 12 investigation and this warning to you, did you 13 have any other interaction with him at all? 14 A I can't recall him being involved. I don't 15 believe he was involved in the arrest. If I 16 did Right-To-Knows, it went through David 17 Lavoie, through the police department, and 18 what I found is the officers move around a 19 lot. They get promotions and their titles 20 change, and they seem not to be in the same 21 place for very long. So I don't know where he 22 went. 23 Q When you talk about the graphs, you mean the</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 34</p> <p>1 Q With respect to the concern that she expressed 2 to you about Ms. Kleiner conveying the story 3 that made her feel like it was some sort of a 4 threat to her, would you agree that is not the 5 way she conveyed it to Detective Lombardi?</p> <p>6 A I would agree with you on that.</p> <p>7 Q One of the documents in the list here, number 8 5 is a Freyler investigative report.</p> <p>9 Mr. Freyler was a private 10 investigator you had hired?</p> <p>11 A Yes.</p> <p>12 Q What was the purpose of hiring him?</p> <p>13 A I was concerned that Mr. Turgiss was not 14 maintaining the property files properly and 15 leaving the office for roughly four hours a 16 day, signing on a white board saying he was 17 going to inspect properties but then really 18 wasn't doing that work.</p> <p>19 Q And as part of his work for you, is it fair to 20 say Mr. Freyler followed Mr. Turgiss around?</p> <p>21 A Yes.</p> <p>22 Q Was that something -- was that your idea or 23 was that Mr. Freyler's idea?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 35</p> <p>1 A He was an investigator. That was really his 2 idea as to how he conducts and investigation.</p> <p>3 Q I take it he billed you by the hour?</p> <p>4 A I believe so.</p> <p>5 Q And so did he submit to you reports that 6 indicated which hours he worked on different 7 days?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q How many hours a day was he following 10 Mr. Turgiss around?</p> <p>11 A He would focus on coming when we knew he was 12 signing out. So he had a pattern, this 13 assessor. So he would work according to that 14 pattern, and he would come, you know, three or 15 four days a week, if he had another 16 commitment, because he had other jobs.</p> <p>17 Q He being -- I am sorry to interrupt, 18 Mr. Freyler?</p> <p>19 A Will Freyler would say I can't be there on 20 Tuesday or can't be there on Friday. I have a 21 commitment, but I will come down and do 22 Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and monitor. 23 He picked it on his schedule.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 36</p> <p>1 Q Sure, and on the days when it fit his 2 schedule, did he watch Mr. Turgiss for the 3 whole day, basically start to finish?</p> <p>4 A He would watch him until -- he initially would 5 watch him leaving city hall, and then attempt 6 to follow him, and then going back to city 7 hall, but he had difficulty following him. He 8 would lose him, Mr. Turgiss would lose him 9 frequently. He was an investigator. He was 10 having trouble.</p> <p>11 Q His intent, anyway, was to essentially follow 12 him for all the time he was outside of the 13 office?</p> <p>14 A Yes.</p> <p>15 Q Obviously, on the days that he was working?</p> <p>16 A Yes.</p> <p>17 Q And that would include checking out what he 18 was doing at lunchtime?</p> <p>19 A Yes, but it seems to me he didn't do a lot of 20 lunchtime. He just went to a place and stayed 21 at a place.</p> <p>22 Q Did Mr. Freyler videotape Mr. Turgiss?</p> <p>23 A I don't know if he videotaped. He took</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 37</p> <p>1 photos.</p> <p>2 Q Kind of classic PI work, sitting in his car 3 taking pictures out the window of Mr. Turgiss?</p> <p>4 A Yes.</p> <p>5 Q Did Mr. Turgiss, to your knowledge, did 6 Mr. Turgiss learn about Mr. Freyler's 7 activities?</p> <p>8 A No, I don't believe so.</p> <p>9 Q Other than the police, who else was the 10 Freyler investigation report turned over to?</p> <p>11 A The City.</p> <p>12 Q And who at the City?</p> <p>13 A It went to the Mayor, and I believe Attorney 14 Bolton, and it was a letter to from Attorney 15 Fojo, item 2, from Fojo's letter to Mayor 16 Donchess was that investigative report.</p> <p>17 Q Thank you. So Attorney Fojo provided the 18 report on your behalf to the Mayor?</p> <p>19 A Yes.</p> <p>20 Q Did you ever meet with Attorney Broth?</p> <p>21 A Yes. That resulted in number 4. I believe 22 that came after a meeting with myself and 23 Attorney Fojo.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Page 46</p> <p>1 Q Where did that take place?</p> <p>2 A It took place in the area between the parking garage on Elm Street that a lot of city employees park in and city hall behind it.</p> <p>3 There is a walking path that goes into a back entrance to city hall, and the employees would use that a lot, and she was in that back area in I think a public street area, not on city hall grounds and not on anyone's property. It is right behind the Sy Mahfuz' Persian Rug Gallery. That is where we were.</p> <p>4 Q The one with the nice big mural?</p> <p>5 A Nice big --</p> <p>6 Q -- mural on the side?</p> <p>7 A Yes.</p> <p>8 Q That side entrance to city hall, you said the employees use it, that is not a public entrance, right?</p> <p>9 A It is. I actually started using it when the assessing ladies told me go out that way, it is quicker. It is public.</p> <p>10 Q So you can go in and out that door?</p> <p>11 A It is. I never really used it.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Page 47</p> <p>1 Q Had you been at the assessing office earlier that day?</p> <p>2 A I did.</p> <p>3 Q Do you remember what you were there to do?</p> <p>4 A I was. I was there to get a piece of paper on Cheryl Walley's wall. She had been suspended from her job and was home, and she said to me, I have a note on my partition wall that explains how we are supposed to treat you. She said they change the rules so often on you, I can't keep it straight, and we are all getting in trouble because we are not dealing with you correctly. So I wrote a note to myself how to deal with you.</p> <p>5 I went there that day to see if I could get a copy of that note, and I was looking for Lynn Cameron to help me.</p> <p>6 Q And so hang on for a second there.</p> <p>7 Stepping back to your conversation with Walley about the note, when did that conversation take place?</p> <p>8 A Right probably within days of me going to city hall.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Page 48</p> <p>1 Q And then you went to city hall, went to the assessing department to ask for a copy of that note?</p> <p>2 A Yes.</p> <p>3 Q Did Cheryl Walley ask you to get it for her?</p> <p>4 A She definitely wanted it. She thought when they packed her office up, they wouldn't give it to her.</p> <p>5 Q My question was, did she actually ask you to get it for her?</p> <p>6 A No.</p> <p>7 Q You also wanted it, right?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q You went in that morning to pick it up?</p> <p>10 A Yes, I think it was lunchtime, whatever break time, I knew it was lunchtime because it turned out Lynn Cameron wasn't in.</p> <p>11 Q Why did you want to ask Lynn Cameron for it as opposed to Louise Brown or someone else?</p> <p>12 A Louise Brown was not helpful to me. She was not somebody who wanted to assist me. Lynn Cameron was very helpful and friendly to me, and she was a good friend of Cheryl Walley,</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Page 49</p> <p>1 and she was upset about Cheryl being removed, gone, suspended, and so -- I believed she would give me a copy of the letter.</p> <p>2 Q When you came in to get a copy of the letter, did you ask for a Right-To-Know request or did you just go to the desk and ask?</p> <p>3 A No, I just asked.</p> <p>4 Q When you got to the assessing department, you said Lynn was not there, who was there?</p> <p>5 A Amanda Mazerolle.</p> <p>6 Q Did you ask Ms. Mazerolle for a copy?</p> <p>7 A Yes.</p> <p>8 Q What did Amanda Mazerolle say to you?</p> <p>9 A Go to legal.</p> <p>10 Q Did you go to legal?</p> <p>11 A Yes.</p> <p>12 Q Who did you speak to?</p> <p>13 A I think it was Manuela Perry, and I don't know if that was a conversation that Celia Leonard came out of her office. I just don't remember. I was told -- you know what, it was probably Celia Leonard, in that letter, she had as her evidence, I think I know now,</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Page 50</p> <p>1 September of 2019, I wrote back to her, there 2 might be a link there, but I can't quite get 3 there.</p> <p>4 Q Let's take on the steps you took. 5 You went to the assessing office 6 looking for Lynn?</p> <p>7 A Yes.</p> <p>8 Q You spoke to Amanda Mazerolle who would not 9 give you a copy --</p> <p>10 A She told me to go to legal.</p> <p>11 Q You went to legal, you spoke to Manuela?</p> <p>12 A Manuela and/or Celia Leonard and asked for a 13 copy, and they said, no.</p> <p>14 Q But you are not sure exactly which one of 15 those it was?</p> <p>16 A Exactly.</p> <p>17 Q And then after they said, no, where did you 18 go?</p> <p>19 A I left.</p> <p>20 Q And legal is up on the third floor. By which 21 door of the city hall did you leave?</p> <p>22 A The Elm Street door, the usual typical door, I 23 came out the back door.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Page 51</p> <p>1 Q The one that goes out to the little parking 2 lot?</p> <p>3 A Exactly.</p> <p>4 Q Had you parked there?</p> <p>5 A I parked in the last spot, not a lot of 6 parking, on the left side. So when I am 7 coming out, it is the far right side. I was 8 in that spot.</p> <p>9 Q Close to the building, or close to the street?</p> <p>10 A Building. Pulled in facing the building.</p> <p>11 Q So you go back out that door, and you get in 12 your car?</p> <p>13 A I go to get in my car, and Lynn Cameron is 14 coming through the back way.</p> <p>15 Q In which direction?</p> <p>16 A Heading to city hall to go in the side door 17 right behind Sy Mahfuz' building.</p> <p>18 Q What do you do then?</p> <p>19 A I approached her.</p> <p>20 Q What did you say to her?</p> <p>21 A I said, I am trying to figure out what rules 22 Kim Kleiner has established for working with 23 me. I was just downstairs trying to get a</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Page 52</p> <p>1 letter, you know, that Cheryl Walley has up on 2 her wall. I wanted to see if you would give 3 me a copy, and can you tell me what Kleiner 4 has told the clerks on how to deal with me, 5 and she said, well, she gave us the option if 6 we found you difficult, we didn't have to work 7 with you, Louise Brown would handle you, and 8 it was our choice, but then she sort of 9 switched it up and said Louise Brown is going 10 to handle her, no matter what.</p> <p>11 She said there were some rules 12 changes, and I said, I don't think Cheryl 13 Walley is coming back, and I would really love 14 to see a copy of that note on her wall, on how 15 to handle Laurie Ortlan.</p> <p>16 Q And what did Lynn say to that?</p> <p>17 A She didn't really respond. She had given me 18 information on how I was to be handled, and it 19 seems to me, it was later down the road, in 20 terms and transcripts that that was going on.</p> <p>21 Q How long did that discussion take place?</p> <p>22 A Three minutes, short.</p> <p>23 Q Is there anything else you recall from the</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Page 53</p> <p>1 actual conversation itself about who said what 2 to whom?</p> <p>3 A No, because I was asking questions to her, I 4 really didn't. I don't know, and she answered 5 them.</p> <p>6 Q And in addition to questions, you gave her 7 statements, I really want to see that 8 document, right?</p> <p>9 A I want to see that note.</p> <p>10 Q And what, if anything, did Lynn say in 11 response to that statement?</p> <p>12 A I don't recall. I really believe at that 13 point, they were all very frightened in the 14 office, especially the clerks, because Cheryl 15 was suspended now, and Lynn Cameron was good 16 friends with her, go to her home, swim in her 17 pool. I think Ms. Walley would babysit her 18 kid, her granddaughter. They had an 19 association, so I think her absence was 20 impactful. That was my feeling.</p> <p>21 Q And this was during the investigation, the 22 Nashua Police investigation into the assessing 23 department, right?</p>

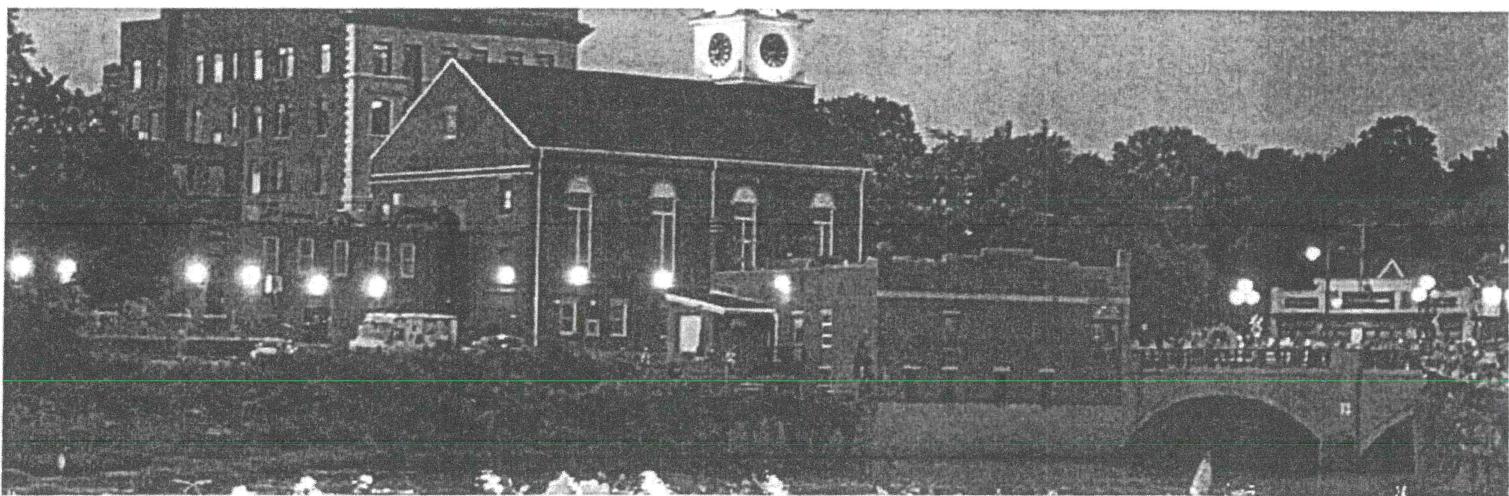
<p style="text-align: center;">Page 54</p> <p>1 A Right, I believed it was into the work of Greg 2 Turgiss and Kim Kleiner, but it seemed to 3 expand into the assessing department. It took 4 on a different dimension.</p> <p>5 Q In any case, the conversation that you had 6 with Lynn Cameron outside city hall took place 7 while this investigation was ongoing?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q The investigation that you had triggered, 10 right?</p> <p>11 A Yes.</p> <p>12 Q You don't have any reason to think it wasn't 13 known that you triggered this investigation, 14 right?</p> <p>15 A I think they all knew that.</p> <p>16 Q You would agree Cameron could have chosen at 17 that time not to talk to you outside, right?</p> <p>18 A Yes.</p> <p>19 Q And if she had said to you, Ms. Ortolano, I 20 would really rather not talk about this 21 outside of city hall, you would have honored 22 that, right?</p> <p>23 A Yes.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Page 55</p> <p>1 Q And that really goes for anyone at the 2 assessing department, right? If Louise Brown 3 or anyone else had said to you face-to-face, 4 Ms. Ortolano, I really only want to talk to 5 you in city hall, in the department, I don't 6 want to talk to you at Target or any other 7 places, you would have honored that too, 8 right?</p> <p>9 A That never happened. The only individual that 10 seemed to trigger this was Lynn Brown behind 11 Sy Mahfuz' business.</p> <p>12 Q Lynn Cameron?</p> <p>13 A I mean, Lynn Cameron behind Sy Mahfuz' 14 business.</p> <p>15 It is funny you word it that way, at 16 Target and stuff. I thought it was outside of 17 city hall. When I got the warning, they said, 18 you can't talk to any assessor outside of 19 their office, the assessing office. I didn't 20 even know that was the warning. I didn't 21 realize that until I got it.</p> <p>22 Q My question was if any of the other members of 23 the assessing department had asked you,</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Page 56</p> <p>1 Q Ms. Ortolano, I would rather not talk to you 2 outside of city hall or outside the assessing 3 office, you would have honored that, right?</p> <p>4 A I believe so, yes.</p> <p>5 Q Did you ever speak with Lynn Cameron about her 6 discussions with Frank Lombardi about this 7 incident?</p> <p>8 A No.</p> <p>9 Q Do you know if Cheryl Walley ever did?</p> <p>10 A I don't know. It is possible.</p> <p>11 Q But Cheryl hasn't come to you and said, hey, I 12 just spoke to Lynn and here is what she said?</p> <p>13 A No.</p> <p>14 Q No one else has either, right?</p> <p>15 A No.</p> <p>16 Q The only information you have heard about Lynn 17 Cameron's report of that incident comes from 18 Frank Lombardi's interview of her?</p> <p>19 A Correct.</p> <p>20 Q Or his report?</p> <p>21 A What is written, and she was never a witness 22 in any of my cases.</p> <p>23 Q And when you did eventually get a warning from</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Page 57</p> <p>1 Q Detective Lombardi, it ran to all persons in 2 assessing except for Cheryl Walley, correct?</p> <p>3 A It wasn't presented to me that way at the time 4 the warning was given to me, but when I 5 received the written warning four months 6 later, that is what was in there.</p> <p>7 Q And have you spoken to any of the members of 8 the assessing department, the members at that 9 time, have you spoken to them at any time 10 since about that warning?</p> <p>11 A No, only Cheryl Walley, and she was never 12 notified by the police. They didn't include 13 her. She didn't get asked one way or another. 14 So she was the only one I talked to. No one 15 else. I never spoke to anyone about it.</p> <p>16 Q You don't have any evidence one way or the 17 other as to whether the other assessing 18 department members actually asked that they be 19 lumped into this warning?</p> <p>20 A Correct.</p> <p>21 Q We went over this before, so I will just be 22 brief, but to keep it in order, you learned 23 that the police came to your house?</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 58</p> <p>1 A Yes.</p> <p>2 Q And then after you learned that, you went to 3 the police station to meet with Detective 4 Lombardi?</p> <p>5 A And the other officer.</p> <p>6 Q And where did that meeting take place?</p> <p>7 A Right in the lobby.</p> <p>8 Q They didn't take you into the back area at 9 all?</p> <p>10 A No.</p> <p>11 Q And what specifically, I am guessing here, 12 Detective Lombardi did the talking?</p> <p>13 A Correct.</p> <p>14 Q The other officer didn't speak at all?</p> <p>15 A He did.</p> <p>16 Q Did he just introduce you, or did he say 17 anything else?</p> <p>18 A He introduced, and then at the end, he made a 19 comment, because I said something that made 20 him laugh, and he said that is really funny.</p> <p>21 Q What was it that made him laugh?</p> <p>22 A Detective Lombardi said to me, do you have any 23 questions, and I said I have a shit ton of</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 59</p> <p>1 questions, but I think I have to talk to my 2 lawyer, and this younger police officer burst 3 out laughing, and he said, that is really 4 funny, to get written up that way, but that is 5 what happened.</p> <p>6 Q That is what happened?</p> <p>7 A Yes. God's honest truth.</p> <p>8 Q And the lawyer you would have talked to, was 9 that Fojo, or were you on to Lehmann?</p> <p>10 A I was transitioning. I probably talked to 11 Fojo and Lehmann. I know I talked to Lehmann, 12 because he followed up on the Right-To-Know 13 for me to get the report. I am sure Lehmann.</p> <p>14 Q And maybe Fojo also?</p> <p>15 A Maybe.</p> <p>16 Q Because you did have a lot of questions?</p> <p>17 A Oh, I did.</p> <p>18 Q You had a shit ton of questions, didn't you, 19 right?</p> <p>20 A I didn't expect what came my way, that is what 21 it really came down to. I didn't expect it.</p> <p>22 Q Once you got that news from Lombardi, you were 23 going to ask those questions of somebody. If</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 60</p> <p>1 it wasn't him, it was going to be Fojo or 2 Lehmann or another counsel?</p> <p>3 A He did accurately record, is this even legal? 4 What is going on here? I just couldn't 5 imagine -- for over a year, I called it a 6 restraining order, a warning for a restraining 7 order. That is how I referred to it all the 8 time.</p> <p>9 There is no such thing I found out 10 later. There really isn't. That is what it 11 felt like to me. I couldn't tell what it was.</p> <p>12 Q At some point, you discussed this warning with 13 maybe it's Deputy Chief Testeverde?</p> <p>14 A Yes.</p> <p>15 Q Was he deputy chief then?</p> <p>16 A He was a deputy, yes.</p> <p>17 Q And you and he talked about this warning that 18 Lombardi had given you, right?</p> <p>19 A Yes, it was awhile after, too, I believe.</p> <p>20 Q And you actually asked for a similar warning 21 was to be given to Ms. Kleiner, right?</p> <p>22 A Yes.</p> <p>23 Q And do you know if that warning was given to</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 61</p> <p>1 Ms. Kleiner?</p> <p>2 A I believe he talked to her, but it wasn't like 3 my warning. It had a whole different feel.</p> <p>4 Q You weren't there when he talked to her?</p> <p>5 A He wrote something up, and he sent it to me, I 6 think. And it was so carefully danced around, 7 actually, kind of felt like -- yes, it was 8 interesting.</p> <p>9 Q What exactly did Lombardi say to you when he 10 gave you the no contact warning?</p> <p>11 A Okay. It is hard for me to be exact, but I 12 will give you the points that you remember. 13 Just that he had in the course of 14 doing his investigation been given information 15 that employees of the assessing office did not 16 want to have contact with me. I thought he 17 said outside of city hall, and he said, you 18 recently had a conversation with Lynn Cameron 19 that she wasn't comfortable with, and 20 speaking, he didn't say he didn't speak, but 21 he said in speaking with all the staff, none 22 of them want you to have contact with them 23 outside of city hall, and I was shocked, and I</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Page 62</p> <p>1 said, even Cheryl Walley? I mean, Cheryl 2 Walley told you that? I think I talked to her 3 almost every day, almost every other day, and 4 he said, oh, no, not her, we didn't even ask 5 her. But everyone else? And he said, yes. 6 I said, what does that mean? Did I 7 do something harassing or threatening or was 8 I -- did I sound dangerous, what has happened 9 here? He said, no, no, not at all, you were 10 not. I said, is this even legal? He said, 11 yes, this is something we do all the time. 12 This is what we do. I said, it doesn't seem 13 right. What am I supposed to do with this? 14 I later learned talking to him, how 15 does this go away? Does this ever stop? He 16 said, no, it stays a warning forever. Now, I 17 kind of think it is gone because everybody has 18 left the office. I am going to call it over. 19 This is like a restraining order 20 that stays with me forever? He said, it just 21 stays on your record, and I was just stunned 22 by the whole thing. I really was. I couldn't 23 even wrap my head around. I had never been</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Page 63</p> <p>1 police involved. I didn't know what to make 2 of it. 3 That is why he said, do you 4 understand everything here? I have a shit 5 load of questions. I need to talk to my 6 lawyer, and a young cop burst out laughing, 7 and he said that is really funny, I really 8 like that. And off I went, and I called my 9 husband right away. 10 Q I am going to move on now to the city hall 11 trespass. You want to take a couple minutes? 12 A Let me just take five minutes. 13 (Short recess.) 14 Q (By MR. CULLEN:) Coming back, I want to talk 15 to you a little bit about the city hall 16 incident of January 22nd, 2022? 17 A '21. 18 Q '21. I read somewhere, I think you have a 19 whole affidavit on this. I don't want to 20 belabor it too much. 21 When you went upstairs that day, it 22 was Mindy Lloyd who answered the door? 23 A Yes.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Page 64</p> <p>1 Q Was Mindy somebody who you had known who she 2 was? 3 A Yes. 4 Q And you knew she was an employee of the legal 5 department? 6 A Yes. 7 Q And with respect to Attorney Neumann, again, 8 that was somebody you knew at the time? 9 A He had just started in December. 10 Q And but you, had you interacted with him 11 in-between December and that time? 12 A Yes. 13 Q So you knew that Attorney Neumann was in the 14 legal department also? 15 A Yes. 16 Q And obviously, and you knew Attorney Leonard? 17 A Yes. 18 Q And she wasn't there when you first arrived, 19 correct? 20 A Correct. 21 Q With respect to, how long were you in the 22 legal department area itself before you 23 decided to sit down and stay?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Page 65</p> <p>1 A Probably two minutes, and then there is that 2 entry hallway area, so I would say maybe not 3 even two minutes. It was very short, and I 4 went to that hallway. 5 Q Is that -- there is a photo. Let me show you 6 a picture here. We can mark this as Exhibit 7 2. 8 (Whereupon, the court reporter 9 marked Exhibit Number 2, Union Leader article, 10 for Identification.) 11 Q The photo is you, I take it? 12 A Yes. 13 Q You look like you are maybe waving? 14 A When I realized she was taking the picture, I 15 put my hand up. It was a reflex. 16 Q To stop the photo? 17 A Just what are you doing, but she took the 18 photo. She took two photos. 19 Q And so where you are sitting now, is that 20 where you sat for the duration you sat in the 21 legal department area, this is where you sat? 22 A No. 23 Q Where did you first sit?</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 70</p> <p>1 this is all you.</p> <p>2 First comments from Ms. Leonard.</p> <p>3 A No, I can't say. I don't believe I said that,</p> <p>4 and I think that -- I don't recall him saying</p> <p>5 he would have me removed. Other than to say</p> <p>6 you have to leave, and he directed Ms. Lloyd</p> <p>7 to call management.</p> <p>8 Q The next paragraph does have a quote that</p> <p>9 appears to be attributed to you.</p> <p>10 It reads, "I am going to be treated</p> <p>11 with the dignity that I deserve," she said, "I</p> <p>12 told them I was going to sit here until</p> <p>13 someone gave me the time of day."</p> <p>14 Is that something you told</p> <p>15 Ms. Houghton?</p> <p>16 A I would say yes.</p> <p>17 Q Does that accurately reflect what you told the</p> <p>18 legal department, that you were going to sit</p> <p>19 there until someone gave you the time of day?</p> <p>20 A I don't know if I told the legal department</p> <p>21 that.</p> <p>22 Q Have you told Ms. Houghton you told the legal</p> <p>23 department that?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 71</p> <p>1 A If that is what it says, I don't know did I</p> <p>2 say that, or did I just give her that quote?</p> <p>3 I am not certain it says I told the legal</p> <p>4 department that. I told them I am going to</p> <p>5 sit there until somebody gives me the time of</p> <p>6 day. I am going to be treated with dignity.</p> <p>7 I don't know if I did the dignity line. If I</p> <p>8 told them I am going to sit here until someone</p> <p>9 gives me the time of day, that sounds very</p> <p>10 possible.</p> <p>11 Q Back in January of 2021, that is what you told</p> <p>12 Ms. Houghton, correct?</p> <p>13 A Yes.</p> <p>14 Q Your memory then is pretty fresh?</p> <p>15 A It was right after it happened.</p> <p>16 Q So if it reads here, I told him I was going to</p> <p>17 sit here until someone gave me the time of</p> <p>18 day, it is fair to say that is what you</p> <p>19 actually did tell them, right?</p> <p>20 A Correct. I recall telling Attorney Neumann, I</p> <p>21 just need these date/time stamped. Could you</p> <p>22 just please give me the date/time stamp.</p> <p>23 Q When he wouldn't do that, that is what</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 72</p> <p>1 prompted you to decide to sit there until</p> <p>2 someone took care of you?</p> <p>3 A Yes.</p> <p>4 Q And the date/time stamps were abatement</p> <p>5 notices regarding those two senior citizens?</p> <p>6 A Applications.</p> <p>7 Q The next document we are going to mark as an</p> <p>8 exhibit is an article in the Nashua Scoop.</p> <p>9 (Whereupon, the court reporter</p> <p>10 marked Exhibit Number 3, Nashua Scoop, for</p> <p>11 Identification.)</p> <p>12 Q Do you recognize this document?</p> <p>13 A Yes.</p> <p>14 Q What is the Nashua Scoop?</p> <p>15 A It is a Facebook social media page.</p> <p>16 Q It says private group at the top with 12.9</p> <p>17 thousand members?</p> <p>18 A Yes.</p> <p>19 Q Do you know who monitors it?</p> <p>20 A I don't. It changes, the people who do it.</p> <p>21 At the time, I don't know who was the monitor.</p> <p>22 Q This one is a post that purports to be by you</p> <p>23 dated January 22nd.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 73</p> <p>1 Is this, in fact, your post?</p> <p>2 A Yes.</p> <p>3 Q And again, this is on the very day of the</p> <p>4 incident at the city hall?</p> <p>5 A Yes.</p> <p>6 Q So when it says at the top of page 2 with</p> <p>7 reference to Attorney Neumann, "He said I was</p> <p>8 trespassing and had to leave the office," that</p> <p>9 is an accurate statement as to what Attorney</p> <p>10 Neumann said to you, right?</p> <p>11 A Yes.</p> <p>12 Q And when it says at the top of page 2, "he,"</p> <p>13 being Attorney Neumann "repeatedly said I was</p> <p>14 breaking the law and trespassing," that is an</p> <p>15 accurate statement of what he said to you?</p> <p>16 A Yes.</p> <p>17 Q When you write after that, "I said, I would</p> <p>18 not leave until I had some answers," that is</p> <p>19 an accurate statement of what you said?</p> <p>20 A Yes.</p> <p>21 Q And again going down to the next paragraph, it</p> <p>22 says, "I sat on the floor against the wall by</p> <p>23 a door. I said that I was just going to sit</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Page 82</p> <p>1 you own the property for ten years, and then 2 you can get citizenship or residency or 3 something like that?</p> <p>4 A It moved much quicker. You can get it in two 5 or three years.</p> <p>6 Q Have you obtained yours now?</p> <p>7 A We have our residency visa right now. So we 8 have to go through that two or three years, 9 pass a language exam and a history exam to 10 become a citizen. My Portuguese isn't what it 11 needs to be yet.</p> <p>12 Q Is that the only thing holding you back now 13 Portuguese language skills?</p> <p>14 A Yes, and my son who speaks seven languages is 15 learning it now to teach his mother. 16 (Whereupon, the court reporter 17 marked Exhibit Number 8, Affidavit of 18 Plaintiff to Inception Technologies, for 19 Identification.)</p> <p>20 Q Exhibit 8 is an affidavit, Ms. Ortolano, from 21 you that was filed in response to the 22 Inception/Feoli motion to dismiss back in 23 December of 2022.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Page 83</p> <p>1 A Yes.</p> <p>2 Q The last page has a /s/ electronic signature?</p> <p>3 A Yes.</p> <p>4 Q This is, in fact, your affidavit, correct?</p> <p>5 A Yes.</p> <p>6 Q Somewhere in the ether, there is an actual one 7 signed by you?</p> <p>8 A I would assume so, but I just can't remember.</p> <p>9 Q In any event, this was something you reviewed 10 and signed under the pains and penalties of 11 perjury?</p> <p>12 A When you ask me that way, it looks like you 13 found something.</p> <p>14 Q No, I am not actually trying to trick you. I 15 am just trying to confirm it is your 16 affidavit?</p> <p>17 A Yes, to the absolute best of my ability. I 18 was absolutely trying to be truthful.</p> <p>19 Q In paragraph 3, you say, "By regularly 20 attending public hearings and meetings 21 conducted by the City of Nashua Government and 22 keeping up with the bulk of pending issues 23 affecting the citizens of Nashua, I have a</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Page 84</p> <p>1 good grasp on the workings of the Nashua City 2 Government."</p> <p>3 That statement was still true as of 4 December of 2022 when you signed the 5 affidavit, right?</p> <p>6 A When was it signed?</p> <p>7 Q The 5th of December 2022?</p> <p>8 A Yes, I stopped going in October of 2022, but I 9 still could watch them on TV, yes.</p> <p>10 Q Why did you stop going in October of 2022?</p> <p>11 A Because there was an incident with an alderman 12 who referred to me as giving off predatory 13 vibes like crazy, and he was a social worker, 14 a licensed social worker, and based on his 15 background, he felt that I did oppositional 16 research on children and I had predatory 17 qualities, and I didn't want be -- I didn't 18 want them bringing it up and over and over 19 again.</p> <p>20 The board has a tendency to use 21 their public comment at the end, their time to 22 speak when the public can't speak to raise 23 issues about me, and I felt that it would come</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Page 85</p> <p>1 up over and over again, so I removed myself 2 from board meetings. From that time, really, 3 forward until now, I have attended very few.</p> <p>4 Q That was Alderman Moran?</p> <p>5 A Yes.</p> <p>6 Q On paragraph 4, "In 2020, the City chose to 7 undertake a project to outsource all property 8 record files in order to create digitally 9 scanned files."</p> <p>10 How did you first learn about that 11 project?</p> <p>12 A I believe Ms. Kleiner went to the budget 13 committee to get approval of a dollar amount 14 that was in excess of 25 grand and required 15 approval. I believe the first round of money 16 was under 25 grand, but then she needed more. 17 I can't recall the date exactly. It did 18 require budget committee approval.</p> <p>19 Q And do you remember when it was that you first 20 learned about that project?</p> <p>21 A It says, "In 2020, the City chose to undertake 22 a project." It must have been -- like the 23 month, I don't remember.</p>



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Laurie Ortolano

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I had a depressing experience today. I went to City Hall to try to see if I could get some abatement applications stamped for receipt or record. I know the assessing office is still under construction, but Ms. Kleiner's office has been open and assessing staff have been working in there. There is a young woman stationed in the hallway who asks where you are going and what you need. I told her I wanted to see if I could get abatement applications stamped at Ms. Kleiner's office. She welcomed me along. Did not ask if I has an appointment. It was 9:20 am and Ms. Kleiner's office was locked and closed. I headed to the Mayor's office to see if someone could tell me where some assessing people have been moved to. The Mayor's office was locked and all lights were off. I headed to the third floor to the legal office to see if the new RTK coordinator could help me with the abatement issue. I have been trying to communicate with him by email and calling to see if he would meet with me to discuss abatement applications and the process. In three weeks, he had not responded to emails or phone calls.

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I knocked on the door and a young woman answered and I asked if Attorney Neumann was in. She would not answer and said I needed an appointment. I told her I have tried to get one, but he will not



conference room. He said I was trespassing and had to leave the office. I explained that I was just looking for help on filing abatements and reviewing applications. He repeatedly said I was breaking the law and trespassing. I said I would no leave until I had some answers.

They called Risk Management to have me removed, but I would not go with them. I sat down on the floor against a wall by a door. I said that I was just going to sit there until someone provided me with information. Five armed police officers showed up to ask me to leave the office. Of course, I said yes, I wasn't looking for a hostile exchange, just a peaceful protest.

Attorney Leonard showed up as I was sitting on the floor and escalated the situation. She claimed that I was looking in her office. Her office door was open and I was just sitting on the floor against the only wall away from the clerk and Attorney Neumann. I was not spying by looking in her office, she left door open. She then claimed that I was hostile and that she felt threatened and intimidated. I am an almost 60 year old woman sitting on the floor looking up at her and she found that to be a threatening, hostile posture. She kept repeating how threatened she felt. She then opened the window because she did not know my covid exposure. I was wearing a mask and would never come to City Hall if I thought I had any exposure risk.

Interestingly enough, two weeks ago the legal office invited me to city hall to review documents for many hours at time with a legal assistant present. They didn't ask me to take a COVID test for that event. Now, suddenly, Attorney Leonard is frantic about COVID cooties.

The police explained that I had trespassed and ban me from City Hall for 1 year. If I enter City Hall I MAY be arrested. They did not say I would be arrested. They told me that I need to schedule an appointment; I explained how frustrating and futile this is as the city will not respond to my questions or my requests to meet to discuss matters. By the way, the City website does not say that you need an appointment to go into the legal office.

I refuse to be thrown out of a public building. This is wrong. The way our government is treating its Citizen is a travesty. I am not some barbarian at the gate. I am a citizen requesting help. I am almost 60 years old and I have never had a speeding ticket, and it was never on my bucket list to be arrested, but I refuse to allow the City to tell me I am trespassing when I enter City Hall. A pox to Attorney Neumann and Attorney Celia Leonard and all those city leaders who violate our rights.

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